

pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an amount of a compound effective to inhibit neovascularization with the formula of R'-Glu-Trp-R'', or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

wherein R' and/or R'' is absent or

wherein R' represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, an ester, an ether, an anhydride, or mixed alkyl/aryl derivative,

or R', taken together with the alpha-amino group of glutamic acid, represents an amide, or an imide,

R'' represents an alkyl group, an ether, an aryl group, or mixed alkyl/aryl derivative,

or R'', taken together with the carbonyl group of tryptophan represents an amide, an imide, an ester, or an anhydride,

wherein R' can also represent an amide bond between the amine of said Glu and the side chain carboxylate of said Glu,

wherein both R', taken together with the alpha-amino group of glutamic acid, and R'', taken together with the carbonyl group of tryptophan, are not both amide, and

wherein the formula weight of said compound is less than about 5000 Daltons.

Please **ADD** claims 43, 44, and 45 as follows.

43. The method of claim 18, wherein the ester is a methyl, ethyl, or other alkyl ester.

44. The method of claim 18, wherein neither R' nor R'' contains amino acids.

45. The method of claim 18, wherein said composition consists essentially of L-Glu-L-Trp.